

## ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

**Meeting Minutes –** Weds., April 12, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall  
Eliza, Mary Ellen, Mara, Susan, John, Ed, and Tim (Tree Warden)

- 1. Approve February meeting minutes - Approved**
- 2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)**
  - Review of Winter tree damage
    - A. Storm damage clean up. Marquee Tree Service in town helping remove dead trees.
    - B. Jason Street/Norfolk and Sunset/Newland Road area had plow damage gauging trees. Why? Don't know... pushing snow back off road. DPW talked to personnel . Tim will 'bark trace' the trees (clean cut the wound and see if that will allow the tree to close the cut). ATC can respond with the results and approach DPW is taking.
  - Tree Preservation Bylaw - impacts on DPW, interactions with Building Dept.: None since last month. ATC (Susan) will contact the Building Dept. and see how things are going, see if the ATC could help in any way. Mary Ellen will take a look at online permits of late and see
  - Tree hearing(s). 282 Gray Street, Norway Maple in the sidewalk, Town wanted to take it down as they are widening from 36" to 42". Tree Warden said it's healthy, you need a tree hearing. It'll be in the Advocate/Town Hall/Wedsite and wrapped on the tree on the 20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> in the hearing.
  - Grant submission update. No news yet, but look good since it hasn't been rejected
  - Spring tree planting timing? 8 balled/burlap in, 7 to go into Scannel field which will be 13 trees in total. John Marshall (Park/Rec) is involved. Forrest Street/Summer street island will get the eighth tree. 100 bare root trees coming in (81 spots confirmed), Tim is looking at the remainder of the spots to be with
  - 1. Arbor Day 9:30-10am planting event (location, timing etc). Some trees at Thompson school have died, Tim talked to Principal, and three of the dogwood trees will be replanted with the third grade schools using a grant from the Elks Club to buy gator bags, junior shovels, plaque with the year planted 2. Arborist at Barrett Tree Service, Medford, helping out on Arbor Day said he'd be available with a crew to prune by Jason Cutter House 8am - Noon
  - Tree City USA Event: Arlington hosting, June 7<sup>th</sup>. All Action Foresters, Tree Wardens. Tim (and John) to give a 30 minute presentation on the Town's 'Tree Plan' 9:00 – 9:30am (with slides), 100 attendees, John will add some slides to talk about OpenTree Map other Town tree stuff
  - ACMI followed Tim around 'A day of the Tree Warden', will be on TV.
  - 80 trees cut down last year.
- 3. Inventory:** Grant status unknown; yet we need to get recruiting for interns, finalize the Open Tree Map form, start a plan for the other grant requirements. 1. Need job description for inventory intern (John and Mara writing); 2. Software get up and going – do we need to add fields (ask GIS, DPW, Tim); Grant requires DPW director spending 30 hours, Tim extra hours. 3. Post article that we got the grant! 4. Tape measures, tree

guides, 5. Decide on a few days for volunteers, ask for volunteers for a few specific days via publicity (SubCommittee: John, Mara, Eric, Mary Ellen, Eliza)

#### **4. Community Tree Canopy Program with MacEachern funds (John)**

- Delivery date: Potential Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, ATC members to be available (MEA, Susan, Mara, Ed) to check up on the delivery. MEA will be the contact number for the Nursery to call. Town needs to know if the trees were delivered healthy (MEA point person for this assessment).

John will ask Nursery for a photo of the trees when they arrive at Nursery.  
MEA will Email residents photo, tree planting instructions (ArborDay link), tree info, gator bag info and watering info

MEA will bring checks to controller – check to see if we can add \$\$ to Bequest. .

EB will put announcement of the trees sold out on Facebook, on website. Becky will edit website to summarize our success. John will send out a Google Group announcement

#### **5. Publicity**

- Facebook, Googlegroups
- Advocate article (on dogwood sale comes out this Thursday)
- Article presenting the new bylaw (TBD)
- Powerpoint tree presentation; targeted outreach (nothing done lately)

#### **6. New Business**

- New members - Town advertisement, Advocate advertisement
- Correspondence

**Next meeting:** Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, April 12.